

COTTONWOOD PARK

Information Session

November 9, 2016

Welcome

Thank you for attending the Cottonwood Park Information Session.

Your feedback will help to inform the Vision and Master Plan for Cottonwood Park.

The City of Coquitlam is undertaking a process to develop a concept design for the future expansion of Cottonwood Park to serve the growing, local park and recreation needs of existing and future area residents.

We Want Your Input

The City invites all Cottonwood Park neighbours and users to view and provide comments on the future vision of the City park. This information meeting is an opportunity to:

- view the latest park project information,
- ask questions of project staff,
- get your feedback on park amenities and priorities, and
- submit your comments.



Information Session Goals

- Inform residents and users about the park planning and design process.
- Provide Coquitlam residents an opportunity to review the early progress of Cottonwood Park, ask questions and share ideas and suggestions on the proposed conceptual park design.
- Collect valuable feedback to help determine priority park amenities, facilities and services in refining the final concept.

Planning Process Goals

The approved plan will guide the long-range development of the park. To accomplish this, the concept design process will strive to:

- conduct an inclusive design process that considers feedback from a variety of interests and users,
- provide a balanced inventory of amenities to accommodate a variety of activities and visitors,
- provide easy access and circulation,
- consider safety allowing for visibility and surveillance,
- phase implementation with consideration of priority elements,
- generate a concept plan that reflects community feedback and
- accommodate the current and future park and recreation needs of the neighbourhood.

Your feedback is valuable to assist in refining the final concept.

All the ideas and comments received will be compiled and reported back to Council for further direction on the final design concept later this year.

Please check the City website at coquitlam.ca/parkprojects for further updates on this project. Thank you for your interest and assistance.

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Phase 1

April – May 2016

Project Launch, Information Gathering & Analysis

- Site survey, existing conditions and local inventory, determine opportunities and constraints, schedules, logistics, and preliminary priority program elements.

PHASE 2

May – June 2016

Preliminary Conceptual Design Exploration

- Consider desired neighbourhood-level amenities, review existing inventory, gap analysis, future growth and demand.
- Establish design criteria and principles. Explore spatial design layout against programming priorities.

PHASE 3

July – December 2016

Concept Design and Public Consultation

- Generate concept options through testing preliminary ideas, relationships of elements and configurations.
- Council provides feedback on draft options prepared for public consultation and collection of feedback.

PHASE 4

January – October 2017

Detail Design Development and Construction Documents

- Update and Council approval of preferred concept.
- Preparation of detailed design drawings for construction follow update and council approval of preferred concept.
- Budget costing and development phasing finalized.

PHASE 5

November – December 2017

Project Permitting and Tendering

PHASE 6

January 2018 – July 2019

Project Construction and Completion

Background

Cottonwood Park began as a 1.35 acre park in the Burquitlam neighbourhood area. It offered a modest play area including a climbing apparatus, swing, teeter-totter, spring toy, and bench with the remainder of the park an informal open grass area enclosed with a perimeter fence.

In 2000, a master planning process explored plans for future park expansion to 6.0 acres.

In 2002 park improvements included new play areas for both young and school-aged children, a seating/social area for parents, sport court, picnic tables, looped trail, and an informal grass area.

In 2014, the park footprint expanded to its current size of 2.2 acres with the development of three City-owned lots as part of an adjacent multi-family development.

In 2015 plans to secure a Coquitlam YMCA facility was introduced and the Burquitlam/Lougheed Neighbourhood Plan process was initiated.

Burquitlam Park was chosen as the most suitable site for the new recreation facility.

Consequently, to ensure that park amenities would not be lost in this neighbourhood, it was decided the earlier Cottonwood Park expansion boundary should be extended. As a result of agreements and land exchange, the City acquired 2.55 acres to augment the Cottonwood Park expansion and redevelopment efforts.

Cottonwood Park can now accommodate re-establishment and expansion of amenities displaced from Burquitlam Park, along with programming priorities aimed at addressing longstanding service gaps in the local area.

The long-term expansion envisioned for Cottonwood Park has been adjusted to 11.5 acres.

Land acquisition for Cottonwood Park expansion has been ongoing since 2002 and will continue where there is opportunity.

When fully completed, Cottonwood Park will be a significant asset serving the local area residents and the greater community in the immediate and distant future.

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